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NEWSNOTES

Off-post access to Range Road curtailed

In order to better control traffic on the ranges, Fort Dix is closing two entrances from Route 70 to Range Road, one at the end of Grand Concourse Road and one at Mile Marker 37. Access to Route 539 through the gate known as Hole In The Wall will also be closed.

Self-Help Store relocated, hours expanded

The Fort Dix Self Help Store serves the directorates and tenant organizations on Fort Dix by providing a variety of do-it-yourself items to customers to include light bulbs, air filters, snow melt, gardening tools, and many other common items. Effective June 1, the Self Help Store will relocate across the street to building 5322 (behind DPW on Delaware Avenue) and expand the hours of operation to 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Saturday, closed Sunday.

Defense Printing Service to hold open house

The Defense Automated Printing Service on Fort Dix will hold an open house June 13 from 8:30 to 11:30 a.m. at Building 6044 Philadelphia Street. Members of the community are invited to get a first-hand look at the services offered by DAPS and information on how to use the system.

Education fair coming to McGuire golf course

Education Services at McGuire AFB is sponsoring "Education on the Green". Friday, June 15 from 2 to 4:30 P.M. at the McGuire golf course. "Education on the Green" is an education information fair open to McGuire, Fort Dix, and surrounding communities. Representatives from McGuire AFB schools and local colleges and agencies will be available to provide information on college programs and certifications.

The following schools and agencies have agreed to attend: Burlington County College, McGuire AFB Colleges, Immaculata University, Drexel University, Seton Hall University, Lourdes Medical Center, Department of Veteran Affairs, Rutgers University, and AFROTC.

Post RV campground offers lodging alternative

The Willow Pond Recreational Vehicle (RV) Campground offers a home away from home. Located on the corner of Texas Avenue and 8th Street, the campground offers water and electric (20 and 30 amp) hookups and a pull-up dump station. Rates are \$20 per night, \$100 per week and \$400 per month.

Reservations are recommended and a deposit must be made in full. All reservations must be made at Outdoor Recreation, Monday through Friday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. or Saturday and Sunday from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

WEATHER

FRIDAY: Partly cloudy skies with a high of 93 degrees, low of 69.

SATURDAY: Morning clouds give way to sunny skies. High of 86 degrees, low of 59.

SUNDAY: Mostly sunny with highs in the low 80s, low of 60.

MONDAY: Sunny skies with a high of 84 degrees, low of 64.

TUESDAY: Mostly sunny with a high of 86 degrees, lows in the mid-60s.

WEDNESDAY: Sunny with highs in the mid-80s, lows in the 60s.

LTG Honoré, media eye training



Ed Mingin
Lt. Gen. Russel L. Honoré, commanding general, First U.S. Army, above left, discusses the theater-immersion training initiative with local and national media during a visit to the Fort Dix Military Operations on Urban Terrain training site June 6. Reporters observed Soldiers conducting convoy operations through the mock city of Balad, where they test their skills in responding to Improvised Explosive Devices and other threats, right. Honoré visited various facilities on post and discussed theater-immersion training as it applies to the ongoing Global War on Terrorism.

Pascual Flores



1st Lt. Antonia Greene, 72nd FA Bde.
First Army Command Sgt. Maj. 2/309th Training Support Battalion, above left, discusses the training exercise conducted at Balad June 6 with Lt. Gen. Russel Honoré, commanding general, First U.S. Army.



Iraqis taking stand against Al Qaeda

Jim Garamone
American Forces Press Service

WASHINGTON, June 6, 2007 — The Iraqi people are taking a stand against al Qaeda beyond Anbar province, Multinational Force Iraq's new spokesman said today.

Army Brig. Gen. Kevin J. Bergner, who spoke during a phone interview today, called the Iraqis' stance against the terror group the "Anbar Awakening." In the past six months, local tribal

leaders and sheikhs in the Sunni province have disavowed the terror group's tactics and have turned to the Iraqi government.

Violence in the province has plummeted, and local men are flocking to police and army recruiting stations.

Now Iraqis outside Anbar are experiencing their own awakening, Bergner said. In Almariah, a mixed neighborhood in Baghdad, local Iraqis are turning against al Qaeda following a series of horrendous attacks against local sheikhs and

civilians there. "The locals standing up against al Qaeda and separating themselves from them," he said.

Bergner said Iraqi government and coalition officials are encouraged by the trend.

However, the general warned against jumping to conclusions or making premature assessments of the Baghdad security plan. "We're still positioning the forces committed to Baghdad," he said.

Four of the five additional U.S. brigades planned for in the "surge"

are in Baghdad with the fifth arriving. "In the next couple of weeks, we will see all five start their operations," Bergner said.

Even with this, there will still be a delay as units assume their battle positions. "When there is a transition, even when the force is fully operational, there is a period of time ... as they master their environment and as they learn to work with the Iraqi security forces and local people and they really start to operate against the

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Army celebrates 232nd birthday with patriotism, baseball, cake

WASHINGTON (Army News Service, June 5, 2007) — Installations and commands all over the world will celebrate the Army's 232nd birthday June 14.

With the theme "Call to Duty - Boots on the Ground - Army Strong," the celebration honors Soldiers answering the call to duty during one of the most dangerous periods in history.

"Today's Soldiers symbolize the nobility of selfless service," said Sergeant Major of the Army Kenneth O. Preston, reflecting the Army's heritage. "Today's Soldiers are motivated by an unwavering belief that they will be victorious on the field of battle, because we have fought this way since 1775 and always will."

Special birthday events will begin

on June 9 and run through the following week, with a cake-cutting ceremony at Walter Reed Army Medical Center June 12 and a Twilight Tattoo June 13 at the Washington Monument.

Major League Baseball will pay tribute to the men and women in uniform by hosting birthday activities during several of its games. A veteran of the war on terror will throw out the first pitch of a Kansas City Royals vs. Florida Marlins game at Dolphin Stadium in Kansas City June 16. New recruits will also be inducted into the Army during a pre-game ceremony.

Similar events are scheduled for a Tampa Bay Devil Rays' home game June 13, and a member of the Army Ground Forces Band will lead "Take

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Drum-ming up business

Lt. Col. Daniel Chartier, commander, 63rd Explosive Ordnance Disposal (EOD) Battalion, and Command Sgt. Maj. Lesa Meinze encase the unit colors as the battalion stands down at Fort Dix. The 63rd EOD is in the transition phase of moving the battalion to Fort Drum, N.Y. The operational portion of the unit has already set up at their new location while the headquarters section will move by the end of July.

photos by Wayne Cook



Victorian Age comes to life in Riverton revelry

Steve Snyder
Public Affairs Staff

Hundreds of people strolled down tree-lined streets to be greeted warmly by congenial natives. They were celebrating the second annual Victorian Day in Riverton (south of Willingboro on Route 130) on June 2. Accompanying pictures lend texture to the event which aimed to help visitors take a step back in time, dropping in on an epoch famous for its devotion to gracious living.

Victorians were genteel ladies and gentlemen. And much more. Today, many pseudo-sophisticates and playboy philosophers delight in disparaging the ethos that dominated the Victorian Age. But their much-derided moral codes assuredly had a lot to do with the length and breadth of Victorian achievements. Which were considerable.

The Victorian Era commonly refers to the period of Queen Victoria's rule from 1837 to 1901, the longest reign in British history.

When Victoria took the throne England was essentially a nation of farmers who lived in scattered rural areas. When she died her country was highly industrialized with growing cities connected by an expanding railway network.

Major technological innovation in using textiles, steam power, and iron founding fueled an Industrial Revolution, making Great Britain a manufacturing power with few competitors. Citizens left homes in the country to labor in great factories where sinews of technology ushered in the industrial age.



And added economic prowess only made maintenance and expansion of overseas colonies easier. It was said "that the sun never set on the British Empire." And it was true. By 1921, just 20 years after the Victorian Age (the empire expanded greatly during Victoria's reign), the British Empire held dominion over 458 million people, approximately one-quarter of the world's population.

As a result of her colonial experience, greatly expanded during the Victorian years, Great Britain influenced the world long after she officially abandoned her colonies. For all its faults, English imperialism fostered progress, educating others to British economic practices, legal and governmental systems, military technology and organization, societal mores, sports, educational systems, ideas as venerable as those concerning freedom and liberty, and the English language itself.

Not a bad heritage despite Marxist gibberish to the contrary.

Widespread industrialization paved the way for the rise of the middle class or bourgeoisie in England made up of factory owners, bankers, shopkeepers, merchants, lawyers, engineers, businessmen, traders, and other professionals. This class imposed its morality on English society, a moral system that advocated self-discipline, work, perseverance, responsibility, and honesty. Victorians didn't believe anyone was entitled to self-esteem. People were obliged to earn it and gain respect in the process. People earned respect by adhering to virtues like courage, honor, etc. Victorians bred middle class values, lacking the arrogance of aristocrats or ignorance of the poor.

Over a century later, their legacy still shines.

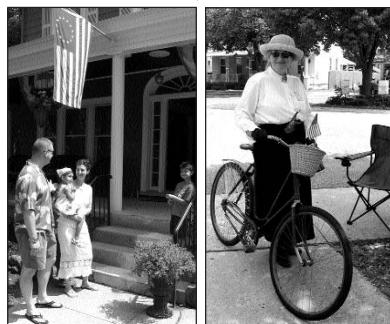
-photos by Steve Snyder



LIVING HISTORY -- Horse and carriage rides afforded Saturday visitors a traditional way to explore historic areas of Riverton in the town's second annual Victorian Day.



FIDDLER ON THE STREET -- A musician serenades visitors to Riverton's Victorian Day.



TOOLING AROUND -- Maj. David Polaneczek, 1079th GSU, left, joins Erika Brooks and her children Spencer, 6, and Brook, 3, in exploring an mansion. At top right, a matron demonstrates what a well-dressed lady would look like when taking a spin on her bicycle during the Victorian Age.



BARBERSHOP CROONERS -- The Pine Barons vocalists sang their hearts out at Riverton's shindig.



NEO-VICTORIANS -- Towns folk dressed in garb familiar to those in the Victorian era, joined visiting strollers in Riverton's celebration of a past age.



RETREAT FROM MODERNITY -- Riverton was founded as a summer retreat in 1851 by wealthy businessmen from Philadelphia, including Joseph Campbell, the originator of the soup bearing his name. But it soon became a year-round community believed to be possibly the first planned community in the United States.



BEST FOOT FORWARD -- Posh gentlemen, above, joined street vendors, below, in graciously welcoming one and all to a proud display of Norman Rockwell-like Americana.



CLASSIC CAR -- What looks like a 1932 Chevy Sedan sparkles as a vintage car show accompanied festivities on Victorian Day.

Victorian exploits wowed world



photo courtesy of Lew Eadertson

GUTSY GENERAL -- Maj. Gen. Charles "Chinese" Gordon distinguished himself in the Second Opium War or Taiping Rebellion in China from 1860-1864. In 1884 a Sudanese Muslim holy man, the Mahdi, conquered most of the Sudan before besieging its capital, Khartoum. Commanding Egyptian troops, Gordon held out for 10 months before losing the city - and his head - in a gallant defense. Gordon typified the "do or die" spirit of her majesty's military.



Franz Xavier Winterhalter via Wikipedia

MIGHTY MONARCH -- Victoria was Queen of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland from June 1837 until her death in January 1901. Her reign lasted almost 64 years, longer by far than any other British monarch. The Victorian Age saw the apex of the Industrial Revolution with the sun never setting on a greatly expanded British Empire until England became first among all the world powers.



www.orwell.ru/people/dickens/cd_en

LITERARY LION -- The foremost English novelist of the Victorian era, Charles Dickens wrote classics the likes of "A Christmas Carol," "David Copperfield," "A Tale of Two Cities," "Great Expectations," "The Pickwick Papers," and "Oliver Twist," capturing social upheavals many suffered through and survived during the Industrial Revolution.

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Simple steps keys to personal safety

Any member of the Department of Defense — not just senior leaders — can become a target for terrorists. This article provides general guidance to DoD members and their families on how to avoid acts of terrorism, as well as to provide basic instructions in the event DoD personnel become victims of a terrorist attack.

Attitude toward security is most important. You can decrease your chances of becoming a terrorist target, as well as those of your family members, by taking the precautions listed below. It is highly recommended you share this information with every member of your family. It is also suggested that you and your family review these precautions on a regular basis.

- Be alert for surveillance attempts or suspicious persons or activities, and report them to the proper authorities. Trust your gut feelings.
- Vary personal routines whenever possible.
- Get into the habit of

checking in to let your friends and family know where you are or when to expect you.

- Know how to use the local phone system. Always carry telephone change. Know the emergency numbers for local police, fire, ambulance, and hospital.

- Know the locations of civilian police, military police, government agencies, US Embassy, and other safe locations where you can find refuge or assistance.

- Avoid public disputes or confrontations. Report any trouble to the proper authorities.

- Set up simple signal systems to alert family members or associates that there is a danger. Do not share this information with anyone not involved in your signal system.

- Carry identification showing your blood type and any special medical conditions. Keep a minimum of a 1-week supply of essential medication on hand at all times.

- Keep a low profile. Shun

publicity. Do not flash large sums of money.

- Do not unnecessarily divulge your home address, phone number, or family information.

- Watch for unexplained absences of local citizens as an early warning of possible terrorist actions.

- Keep your personal affairs in good order. Keep wills current, have powers of attorney drawn up, take measures to ensure family's financial security, and develop a plan for family actions in the event you are taken hostage.

- Do not carry sensitive or potentially embarrassing items.
- Have a clear view of approaches to your home.

- Install strong doors and locks.

- Change locks when you move in or when a key is lost.

- Install windows that do not allow easy access.

- Never leave house or trunk keys with your ignition key while your car is being serviced.

- Have adequate lighting outside your house.

- Create the appearance that the house is occupied by using timers to control lights and radios while you are away.

- Install one-way viewing devices in doors.

- Install intrusion detection alarms and smoke and fire alarms.

- Do not hide keys or give them to very young children.

- Never leave young children at home alone.

- Never admit strangers to your home without proper identification.

- Use off street parking at your residence, if at all possible.

- Teach children how to call the police, and ensure that they know what to tell the police (name, address, etc.).

- Avoid living in residences that are located in isolated areas, on one-way streets, dead-end streets, or cul-de-sacs.

- Avoid residences that are on the ground floor, adjacent to vacant lots, or on steep hills.

- Carefully screen all potential domestic help.

- Do not place your name on exterior walls of residences.

- Do not answer the telephone with your name and rank.

- Personally destroy all envelopes and other items that reflect personal information.

- Close draperies during periods of darkness. Draperies should be opaque and made of heavy material.

- Avoid frequent exposure on balconies and in windows.

- Consider owning a dog to discourage intruders.

- Never accept unexpected package deliveries.

- Don't let your trash become a source of information.

- Vary times and routes.

- Be alert for suspicious-looking vehicles.

- Check for suspicious activity or objects around your car before getting into or out of it. Do not touch your vehicle until you have thoroughly checked it (look inside it, walk around it, and look under it).

- Know your driver.
- Equip your car with an in-

side hood latch and a locking gas cap.

- Drive with windows closed and doors locked.

- Travel with a group of people — there is safety in numbers.

- Travel on busy routes; avoid isolated and dangerous areas.

- Park your car off the street in a secure area.

- Lock your car when it is unattended.

- Do not routinely use the same taxi or bus stop. NOTE: Buses are preferred over taxis.

You can decrease your chances of becoming a terrorist target, as well as those of your family members, by taking precautions.

● If you think you are being followed, move as quickly as possible to a safe place such as a police or fire station.

● If your car breaks down, raise the hood then get back inside the car and remain there with the doors locked and the windows up. If anyone offers to assist, ask the person to call the police.

● Do not pick up hitchhikers.

● Drive on well-lit streets.

● Prearrange a signal with your driver to indicate that it is safe to get into the vehicle. Share this information only with persons having a need to know.

● Have the driver open the door for you.

● If the driver is absent, do not get into the car.

● If possible, tell your driver your destination only after the car has started.

● Keep your vehicle's gas tank at least half full.

● In Hotels:

- Keep your room key on your person at all times.

- Be observant for suspicious persons loitering in the area.

- Do not give your room

number to strangers.

- Keep your room and personal effects neat and orderly so you will recognize tampering or strange out-of-place objects.

- Know the location of emergency exits and fire extinguishers.

- Do not admit strangers to your room.

- Know how to locate hotel security guards.

Ground Transportation Security:

- Use a plain car that is common in the area to minimize the rich American look.

- Do not be predictable in your daily travel behavior; vary your travel times, your routes, and your mode of transportation whenever possible.

- Check the area around the vehicle, the exterior of the vehicle, and then the interior of the vehicle before starting the engine.

- Travel with companions or in convoy whenever possible.

- Know the locations of safe havens (e.g., police and fire stations) along your travel routes.

- Install appropriate mirrors, locks, and other devices to secure your car against tampering.

- Safeguard car keys at all times.

- Screen chauffeurs or permanently assigned drivers. Develop a simple system for the driver to alert you to danger when you are picked up. Share this information only with persons having a need to know.

- Lock your car, especially at night, and check and lock your garage when you park there overnight.

- Park in well-lit areas if you must park on the street.

- Always fasten seat belts, lock doors, and close windows when driving or riding in a car.

- Be alert for surveillance and be aware of possible danger when driving or riding in a car.

- Drive immediately to a "safe haven" when surveillance is suspected; do not drive home.

Air Travel Security:

- Use military aircraft whenever possible.

- Avoid travel through high-risk areas; use foreign flag airlines and/or indirect routes to avoid such areas.



1st Lt. Antonia Greene, 72nd Field Artillery Brigade Public Affairs

Going out in style

Lt. Gen. Russel Honoré, commanding general, First U.S. Army, right, awards the Legion of Merit to retiring Col. James Bagley, commander, 1st Brigade, 78th Division.

Iraqis taking stand

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threat in their new sectors," he said.

The general highlighted the role of the newly established joint security stations and combat outposts around Baghdad. "Where the Iraqi coalition forces are integrated in those stations, it's really a powerful result," he said.

Bergner, who served in Mosul in 2005, spoke about a recent visit to Ramadi. He said coalition officials using reconnaissance assets were able to contact Iraqi policemen to investigate the situation. The general was amazed at the capability. The Iraqi police could not have done this when

he was last in Iraq, he said. "It's a great improvement in our capability and in the way we interact with the Iraqis," he said. Bergner said that the trajectory of the country has already changed. From January to today, the amount of sectarian violence has dropped. It has not been a straight drop, and in May it rose over April. "That is the nature of progress here in Iraq. It is non-linear. It's definitely uneven, so you're going to see those interruptions, corrections," he said.

The final parts of the surge are moving in to position. "We really don't want to let expectations and assessments get out in front of the force that's still

flowing," he said. "The fifth brigade is significant increase in our capability. It's going to create new opportunities for us, and so where we've been up til now is less interesting than where we're going to go."

The bottom line for service-members is that the battle for Baghdad is going to be a tough fight, Bergner said. "We've seen the courage of the Iraqi people as they stand up to al Qaeda," he said. "The coalition forces have more troops going to more places, making more contacts, and we are contesting places we haven't been for some time."

"It's going to get harder before it gets easier."

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Soldiers prep for force-sustainment mission

David Moore
Public Affairs Staff

Soldiers of the 58th Brigade Combat Team (BCT) wrapped up their mobilization training this week with a battle command staff training simulation exercise that was hosted by Task Force Edison at Fort Dix.

As part of the final test for mobilization, Soldiers of the BCT were evaluated in their synchronization of command systems on the battlefield in support of the Global War on Terrorism.

The five-day simulation exercise at the 3rd Simulation Exercise Group, 1st Brigade/78th Division, focused on force sustainment operations in various areas of Iraq in preparation for full spectrum military operations. Col. Chuck Whittington, the BCT executive officer, said.

The unit will be providing support for nearly 2,000 Soldiers who will comprise Task Force Raven.

"This exercise allows the commander and his staff the ability to visualize the missions they will face before they arrive in country," Whittington said.

While most of the Soldiers come from Maryland, they will also have troops from New Mexico and California. The Maryland National Guard units that are a part of the task force are the 1st/175th Infantry, 1st Squadron/158th Cavalry Regiment, and the 2nd/200th Infantry of New Mexico, and the 143rd Field Artillery of California.

Sgt. Salvatore Lumaro, who works as the BCT Judge Advocate General, spent his time during the exercise dealing with judicial matters associated with the Uniform Code of Military Justice, and advising commanders of what support and legal avenues they had to decide on during the exercise.

"It put me in the position to update my manuals, research materials and update, my standard operating procedures before I deploy to the theater of operation," he said.

At the simulations group location, Task Force Edison Soldiers, augmented by the brigade, manage a mission event synchronization list (MESL). From that, computer-driven scenarios or vignettes are designed to be moved into the exercising unit's command chain as an inject. The inject requires unit leaders to make a decision and call on the proper battle operating system for action and draw the event to conclusion.

Scenarios are developed based on real-world events now unfolding in Iraq, as well as Afghanistan. At the facility, Task Force Edison provided the simulation assets to execute the BCT's ARTEP.

"We provide this platform



SET FOR SUCCESS — Soldiers from the 58th Brigade Combat Team (BCT), left, deal with angry civilians on the battlefield (COBs) during mobilization training at Fort Dix. Capt. Robert Fessock, Master Sgt. George Newsome, and Spc. Edmund O'Neal, 58th BCT, from left below, monitor forward operating base actions during the 58th Brigade Combat Team's Army Training and Evaluation Program (ARTEP), the final phase of the unit's mobilization training. The 58th BCT is deploying to provide support for nearly 2,000 Soldiers who will comprise Task Force Raven.

Ryan Morton



photos by David Moore

so commander's can assess their training and make sure his or her staff is hitting the mark," Col. Thomas Jenkins said.

Lt. Col. Jay Jackson, the assistant exercise director, explained the MESL creates the opposing force and synchronizes the staff to perform synchronized warfighting functions.

The unit had to complete the training as part of the Army Training and Evaluation Program (ARTEP) before getting the go to deploy.

Before the 58th BCT conducted its exercise, it spent a month undergoing theater immersion training at the post's forward operating base, known as Camp Victory, where Soldiers lived in conditions and conducted hands-on operations replicating those they will face when they deploy to Iraq.

Since the BCT units will serve at various locations in Iraq, it was necessary to conduct a simulation exercise that replicates the locations of these units and missions across the country of Iraq.

(The 58th Brigade Combat Team was formerly known as Third Brigade, 29th Infantry Division. The BCT reorganization began last year as part of the Army's plan to form brigades as units of action.)



ONLINE — Master Sgt. John McCaffrey, 58th Brigade Combat Team, above, looks downrange before conducting convoy live-fire training at Fort Dix.

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AAFES to open new shoppette in June

AAFES will be opening a new Shoppette on McGuire in June. Within the facility will be a God-fathers Pizza, which we suspect will do a booming business.

We will be hiring crew members and delivery people starting in mid May (closer to opening time for the drivers). Starting pay for crew members is \$8.69 per hour. As for the delivery people, they start at \$7.40 per hour. However AAFES provides the vehicle and drivers keep their tips.

To apply, visit www.aafes.com and click the employment link.

Fort Monmouth to host free job fair

Are you considering owning your own virtual business? Are you looking for a venue that would be compatible with the military family life style; a career that would go where you go? Do any of these scenarios fit your idea of a "dream job?"

*unlimited income potential
*commuting from the bedroom to your virtual office

*working for yourself at times when you are most productive
*using technology to work virtually from anywhere in the world

*being your own boss
*portability and flexibility
Victoria Parham, Virtual Business Owners Training Program Director and a retired military spouse, is coming to Fort Monmouth June 20 to present a workshop to help you decide if being a virtual business owner might be for you.

Two two-hour sessions will be offered at Army Community Service, building 812 Murphy Drive, at 9:30 a.m. and 1 p.m. Military spouses will have priority until June 8 to sign up for this program offered under the sponsorship of the ACS Employment Readiness Program. Spouses from McGuire AFB, Fort Dix, Earle Naval Weapons Station and Lakehurst Naval Air Station have also been invited to attend this event.

To register, e-mail jill.mcdonald@us.army.mil or call (732) 532-2077. The workshop is FREE. To learn more about Virtual Business Opportunities, visit <http://www.vssyberoffice.com/vbo>

Trenton Thunder offers discount to military

The Trenton Vet Center and Trenton Thunder baseball team are offering baseball tickets at a reduced rate for active-duty, Reserve and National Guard service members, and retirees. Regular \$10 tickets will be offered at \$7 for veterans and their families. Be sure to bring a picture ID, plus either a military ID, Federal Department of Veterans Affairs medical ID, or DD Form 214.

Job fair seeks vets, military

A job fair for veterans, Reserve duty military personnel and family members will be held June 14 from 11:30 a.m. to 6 p.m. at the Ambler Senior Adult Activities Center, 45 Forest Avenue in Ambler, Pa.

For more information, call Glen Miller, veteran and job fair coordinator, at (215) 527-6203. For directions, call Mary Jane Wahl at (215) 619-8863.

State to offer Army retiree license plates

The Fort Dix Retiree Council would like to solicit your help in supporting the New Jersey Retired Army Retiree License Plate Initiative.

In order to apply for the New Jersey Retired Army plates, 150 applicants are required. There is a fee of \$15 for each set of license plates per car.

To apply, call retired Command Sgt. Maj. Walker at 351-5020, retired 1st Sgt. Tamayo at 670-3586, or the RSO at 562-2666. Information needed is name, rank, address, and current license plate number.

Checks and money orders should be made payable to the Fort Dix Retiree Council. Only N.J. residents can apply.

Chapel volunteers recognized

Wayne Cook
Public Affairs Staff

More than 130 members of the post chapel gathered together in the Club Dix ballroom June 1 to recognize the many volunteers who have served the chapel and the community during the past year.

A dinner was held in honor of the celebration, and plaques and certificates of appreciation were awarded as a way to say thanks for all that was done.

Lt. Col. Roger Cotton, deputy installation commander, thanked those in attendance for their service and support to both the chapel and the post community.

"All of you are leaders because you have stepped out to lead in different areas. We get our strength to serve from the vine which we are all branches to - our God," he said.

Before the presentation of the awards, Ch. (Col.) Larry Biederman, installation chaplain, added his own words of thanks and praise for all of the work that had been accomplished by the volunteers.

"As I was signing the many certificates tonight, I realized how many awesome and wonderful people that we have in the chapel community. You have given when you didn't have to give and cared when you didn't have to care. Thank you, thank you, thank you," Biederman said.

Each of the different congregation lay-leaders joined their respective chaplain as they presented the Volunteer of the Year awards.

During the evening's event, Christina Long sang the song If I Can Help Somebody which says, "If I can



ALTRUISTIC AWARD - Willie Carr, above left, receives his Gospel Congregation Volunteer of the Year Award from Ch. (Col.) Larry Biederman, installation chaplain, Roosevelt Scott, congregation lay-leader, and Ch. (Maj.) Jason Logan, Gospel Congregation chaplain, from left above.

help somebody, then my living shall not be in vain," which encapsulates the spirit that drives so many people to voluntarily serve others around them.

SELFLESS SERVICE - Deloris Atterberry, above left, receives her Protestant Congregation Volunteer of the Year Award from lay-leader George Waters. Charlie Dreyer, the Catholic lay-leader, above right, accepts his congregation's award on behalf of Wayne and Lydia Korn, who were unable to attend.

photos by Wayne Cook

One phone call can lead to safe investing

Deborah Whipple
Investor Education Director
NJ Bureau of Securities

Okay, an "investor" - who is he? Many think to be an investor you are probably putting money into the stock market. If you are not in the market, you might think you are not an "investor." This could mean that when securities warnings are provided, you don't listen since you have no need to learn about securities fraud. Right? WRONG!!

What is an investor, really? Anyone who saves or has ever saved can be defined as - yes - an investor!

Ninety percent of America's 75-million baby boomers may be defined as investors. As an investor, you should be clear on some misconceptions. One, you can be defrauded without ever having "invested." And two, research has demonstrated that even sophisticated investors, who rely on financial advisors and individual brokers, can be particularly susceptible to securities fraud.

Seniors, physicians and members of the military are a few of the prime targets for securities fraud.

Investor protection is a continually growing process. Information from investors who contact their securities administrators to report scams or question the handling of their accounts provides a necessary foundation for investigative cases to be opened.

Investors quite possibly do not realize the power they hold to actually stop scam artists. That's power! The investor can potentially stop a run of crime from affecting other victims by contacting the agency that regulates the sale of securities.

As an example, some cases start from one person calling the Bureau of Securities, New Jersey's state securities regulator. A person may call to ask for information about an investment, someone they want to handle their money or, most importantly, someone they have a complaint about. That's the call that starts it all!

Here's what a call can do. A recent New Jersey case resulted in more than a \$73-million judgment from - one call! A major case was opened from that call from a single investor whose life savings was tied up in an investment. Not satisfied with the handling of the investment and the surrounding concerns, he called the Bureau. The Bureau investigated and was able to get his money back within 24 hours.

But then, doing what it does to protect investors, the enforcement unit of the Bureau looked deeper into the case. The result from this one call was a Pandora's Box was opened! It seemed that the Bureau uncovered losses incurred by more than 200 investors who had been scammed.

The case resulted in a judgment being imposed for more than \$73 million. Additionally, one of the fraud-

sters was sentenced to prison for 14 years.

No matter how much money and how educated you are, you can still be scammed. One victim was even a quite famous author who openly acknowledged that she had lost millions in this investment.

Clearly, many investigations come from one call and they always agencies like the Bureau that know the signs of fraud. Investigations can result in the appointment of a receiver for the stolen money or what's left of it. The assets can be frozen in an attempt for the court appointed receiver to return some money to the investors.

Many times, if the case is discovered too late, there is no money to be returned. The scam artist has lived luxuriously on your money. Signs of fraud can include a rollover feature, guaranteed or risk-free investments - signs that seem simple and unsuspecting to most investors.

Unlicensed agents even approach groups such as those in organizations, universities or private clubs with good financial advice. The problem exists when the agents are not checked out by the group with the Bureau first before allowing them to speak to the group. The agents should be checked out with the Bureau to verify that they are registered to be doing what they are doing - selling or advising on securities.

Although they are selling for recognized financial institutions, they may not be registered, as is required by securities law created for your protection! Do you really want them to handle your money when it seems there is a pattern of deceit already in motion created by the appearance of being within the law to do business?

Investors trust the advice for referrals of agents or investment advisors, from friends, relatives and associations through organizations. But who has checked to see if the person has a history somewhere of doing business in a fraudulent manner? A full 63 percent of Americans continue to regard the investment as their primary source of information on financial matters. An amazing 42 percent rely heavily on sources such as the Internet chat rooms, blogs, and other media for news and information. Who are these people behind these bits of information? Often they are professional scam artists.

It's time for investors to do their homework. Call the state securities regulator, the New Jersey Bureau of Securities or the Office of the Attorney General, to get a CRD report. A CRD report comes from a national database which holds the background information of the person selling you the investment. It's a quick call. It's a call that costs while not making the call can cost you everything. Really!

Money, for most, is hard-earned but easily lost to the average, knowledgeable, trustworthy agent who is either not an agent after all or who is

a clever, professional scam artist just doing what he does best. He takes your money, but you gave it to him. Investors should call the Bureau before doing anything, even before you give your name and address. Know who you are dealing with.

A call to the New Jersey Bureau of Securities at 1-866-1-INVEST and a request for a CRD report will be a good start. Questions can be e-mailed to askbureauofsecurities@lps.state.nj.us.

Investors might find it interesting to go to the Web site at www.njsecurities.gov for information on the top 10 scams, enforcement cases, press releases, checklists to use when deal-

ing with an agent and to play an interactive scam game. With actual information about the agent, an informed decision can be made. Above all, make sure the person is registered. Many investors, from all frames of life and financial standing, have been securities fraud victims, and yet, if they had checked with the Bureau before investing or even when suspicious after already investing, they could have been one of the informed investors who avoided losing their money to fraud.

The Bureau does not make any recommendations for specific investments or referrals for individual agents or broker-dealers.



Steve Snyder

Goodbye, Elaine

Hearts were heavy on Fort Dix last week when Elaine Percival finished her last days as head of the Army Emergency Relief and Financial Readiness Officer for Army Community Services under the auspices of the Morale, Welfare and Recreation (MWR) directorate. Elaine started working here as a temp for the old Directorate of Community and Family Activities (DCFA) in 1974, nine months later she was hired as a permanent employee and she's been a Team Dix stalwart ever since. She remembers working in a building that today is the police station and in another that has become the dining facility on Delaware Avenue. Most of all, she's worked with so many people here over the years, always adding new friends to ones accumulated in her job. Born in Trenton, Elaine resides in Florence and says he has absolutely no plans to rush into anything in retirement. She's going to take her time, relax and enjoy some well-deserved quality time built up over a lifetime of working devotedly for the Soldiers, families and civilians at Fort Dix. Elaine, we can only quote Duke Ellington to you: "Love you, madly."

MILITARY MATTERS

Bullets

Army adjusts bonuses, adds new incentive for enlistment

FORT KNOX, Ky., Army News Service, May 31, 2007 - The U.S. Army Recruiting Command introduced two new enlistment incentives yesterday.

A bonus of up to \$51,864 is available to recruits signing up for a two-year enlistment in more than 45 active-Army military occupational specialties.

A maximum combined bonus for a three-year enlistment was also raised to \$25,000 for MOSs. The previous maximum amount for a three-year enlistment was \$10,000, or \$20,000 for a limited number of priority MOSs.

Qualified recruits who enlist for two years plus training are eligible for an enlistment bonus of up to \$15,000, which can be combined with the Montgomery GI Bill and Army College Fund of \$36,864. These incentives are available to qualified recruits who enlist in one of more than 45 job specialties, including fire support specialist (13F), signal support systems specialist (25U), petroleum supply specialist (92F), pharmacy specialist (68Q) and health-care specialist (68W).

Payment of bonuses for which recruits qualify begins after completion of basic combat and advanced individual training. For more information go to www.goarmy.com.

IMCOM accepts applications for 2008 mentoring program

ARLINGTON, Va., Army News Service, May 31, 2007 - The U.S. Army Installation Management Command is accepting applications through June 11 for the fiscal 2008 Centralized Mentoring Program.

Employees who are GS-11 through GS-13 or equivalents, to include those covered by the National Security Personnel System, may apply to be matched with senior leaders for a one-year mentoring partnership.

Mentees complete a one-week shadow assignment, stretch assignments, eLearning courses and regular meetings with their mentors.

The Mentoring Program is designed to develop high-potential employees into well-rounded managers at the middle or senior level by preparing them to assume higher levels of responsibility. Headquarters IMCOM centrally funds the program.

Senior leader volunteer mentors also are being solicited, and will be matched with selected mentees.

Applications require supervisors' approval, and garrison applicants require endorsement from the garrison commander or manager or the deputy garrison commander. Region applicants require an endorsement from region director or designee. Applicants at Headquarters IMCOM must obtain their supervisors' and division chiefs' approval.

Announcements and application forms are available at www.imcom.army.mil/site/hr/wfdmcp.asp.

Send applications by mail or e-mail to the IMCOM mentoring program manager, Mary Tanzer. For more information call Ms. Tanzer at (703) 602-5487 or DSN 332-5487, or e-mail Mary.Tanzer@hqda.army.mil. Applicants selected for the program will attend a two-day orientation in October.



Shawn Morris

D-Day afternoon

Sgt. David Socha, 407th Civil Affairs Battalion, is administered the oath of re-enlistment June 6 by Maj. Sandra Forrest, Civil Affairs Military Occupational Specialty Training Course commander. Socha is a student at the Fort Dix school.

Soldier links leadership with military, scouting experience

Shawn Morris
Public Affairs Staff

The Army is well-known for its use of acronyms. One of the most important is LDRSHIP, which represents the seven Army Values -- Loyalty, Duty, Respect, Selfless Service, Honor, Integrity, and Personal Courage.

It's no accident that this acronym reads as "Leadership," since developing successful leaders is one of the Army's primary objectives.

Of course, the Army doesn't have to develop leaders on its own. The Boy Scouts of America has its own program for transforming boys and young men into tomorrow's leaders.

For Spc. Brian Babbidge, an observer controller/trainer with the 72nd Field Artillery Brigade at Fort Dix, making the transition from Scout to Soldier was as reciting the Scout Oath or Soldier's Creed.

"I had all the basic skills from the Boy Scouts," said Babbidge, who served in Iraq as an infantryman with the 1st Brigade Combat Team, 10th Mountain Division. "Boy Scouts taught me a lot of things."

Babbidge shared what he learned in the Boy Scouts and the Army with more than a dozen Scouts and leaders from Troop 76 at the Parkway Elementary School in Mt. Laurel May 31.

Tony Campano, scout master for Troop 76, came up with the idea to have a Soldier speak with his Scouts about things like citizenship, patriotism, service and leadership.

"My purpose was to tie in some of the things we've talked about this past year," explained Campano. "A lot of values they're learning right



Shawn Morris

SCOUTING REPORT -- Spc. Brian Babbidge, an observer controller/trainer with the 72nd Field Artillery Brigade at Fort Dix, displays his many badges and awards for Boy Scouts in Troop 76 at the Parkway Elementary School in Mt. Laurel May 31. Babbidge is a former Eagle Scout who served in Iraq with the 1st Brigade Combat Team, 10th Mountain Division.

now are exemplified in the military."

"We wanted to give them a role model," he added.

Babbidge seems to fit that bill, having risen from the ranks of Cub Scout, Webelos, Boy Scout and Eagle Scout to become an assistant scout master at the age of 18. The Maine native displayed a shadowbox featuring his many Scout badges and awards, tangible evidence of his many accomplishments.

"That sits on my fireplace at home," said Babbidge of his badge box. "You earn everything in the scouts and the military, and you're proud of it."

Babbidge earned his current

position as a trainer, having gained valuable experience during his deployment to Iraq. He has spent three out of his three-and-a-half years in the Army National Guard on active duty, including spending the past year at Fort Dix.

According to Babbidge, things he learned in Scouts such as time management, financial and personal responsibility, respect, and leadership have helped him in both civilian life and his military career.

Practical skills he learned in Scouting, such as land navigation and knot tying, also helped him in Ranger school, Warrior Leader Course and other military training.

"I became a better person. I learned how to be a leader," he said of his time as a Scout. "I want to make sure that the kids get something at a young age. I hope they remember these times and the things that were instilled in them."

"He reinforced the kind of things we're trying to reinstate," added Campano, a military brat whose father served at Fort Dix. "He did a great job."

For Babbidge, the pleasure of speaking to his fellow Scouts was all his.

"Once an Eagle Scout, always an Eagle Scout," he said.



photos by Ryan Morton

Sgt. Randy Noel, 200th Military Intelligence Battalion, above, zeroes his M-16 on the Fort Dix ranges. Approximately five-dozen Soldiers from the Army Reserve unit out of Chicago came east to hone their Soldier skills.

Windy City windage

Second Lt. Ryan Carter and Staff Sgt. Anthony Gillick, 200th Military Intelligence Battalion, from left below, zero their weapons.



Retired chaplain continues to serve

Wayne Cook
Public Affairs Staff

Every individual's life is divided into periods of time where he or she accomplishes different goals and has different aspirations. It is said that each person is a living episode. That being said, Ch. (Lt. Col.) Lee Hardgrove, installation staff chaplain, has closed the chapter of his life that he has dedicated to the military as an Army chaplain.

Hardgrove, who retired June 6, having proudly served the Army Reserve for 25 years, will begin the next chapter of his life serving Soldiers as a contractor with The Logistics Company at the Joint Readiness Center (JRC) and will aid mobilizing and demobilizing Soldiers as a family support coordinator with Army Community Service.

"My 18 months at Fort Dix have been very challenging and have meant a lot to me. Working with Soldiers who are mobilizing and demobilizing has been a wonderful experience, especially in the area of developing and carrying out the reintegration program. I've really enjoyed working with everyone here in the command, in particular those who have supported the chapel program. I look forward to continuing to work with the Soldiers from the civilian side of the house as a contractor in Family Support at the JRC," said Hardgrove.

At a ceremony to mark his retirement, Hardgrove was presented the Meritorious Service Medal by Col. David McNeil, installation commander. The commander thanked Hardgrove for his dedication and service to the Soldiers and Families of the installation.

He will also be missed by those whom he worked with at



Wayne Cook

Col. David McNeil, installation commander, presents retiring Ch. (Lt. Col.) Lee Hardgrove the Meritorious Service Medal for superior service to Soldiers in Afghanistan and while serving here at Fort Dix. The ceremony was held in the presence of friends and coworkers at the Main Chapel June 4.

the chapel. Ch. (Col.) Ira Kronenberg, deputy installation chaplain, shared a few poignant and sincere words about Hardgrove.

"My 18 months at Fort Dix have been very challenging and have meant a lot to me."

*retired Ch. (Lt. Col.)
Lee Hardgrove*

"Lee Hardgrove is the kind of chaplain who would take care of not only those who belonged to his congregation, but would take care of all Soldiers. He was instrumental in Kabul, Afghanistan, in taking care of the few Jewish Soldiers who were in country. He truly

sought to meet the needs of anyone who needed his services," said Kronenberg.

One of the highlights of his career was an assignment as a Reserve Admissions Officer for West Point (Military Academy Liaison Officer), where he worked with high school youth who were interested in attending West Point.

Hardgrove had the distinct honor and privilege of being a command chaplain in New York City following the 9-11 attacks. At that time, he worked side-by-side with chaplains from a myriad of venues — military, police, fire, and civilian — at Ground Zero. He recalled that period of time as both sad and tragic, but also very moving and rewarding.

At the young age of 55, Hardgrove found himself sta-

tioned in Kabul, Afghanistan, working with a Joint Forces Command. While in Afghanistan, he worked with members from all four military branches, as well as troops from 38 different countries.

Those who know Hardgrove appreciate everything he has done in service to the country and mankind. They wait in anticipation to see what the next chapter will bring.



Shawn Morris

Job well done

Sgt. 1st Class Brian Thomas, right, receives a plaque during NCO Call at Club Dix June 6 from Lt. Col. Joseph Chirico, Mobilization Readiness Battalion commander, in recognition of the superior results noted by the First Army inspection Team from April 2-6.



Army Community Service (ACS)

562-2767

Bldg. 5201, on the corner of 8th Street and Maryland Avenue

Hours of Operation:

Monday through Friday, 7:45 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

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Troops trade desert for Dix

Pfc. Cielito Chacon, left, and Pfc. Patrick Gonzalez, below, undergo mobilization training with their unit, Alpha Company, 1st/200th Infantry Battalion, New Mexico National Guard.

The 200th Infantry Battalion's 150 Soldiers travelled from Rio Rancho, N.M., to Fort Dix in preparation for their deployment in support of the Global War on Terrorism. The unit, which boasts veterans from Operations Iraqi Freedom and Enduring Freedom, Bosnia and Kosovo, Desert Storm, Panama, and Vietnam, tackled training at the Military Operations on Urban Terrain (MOUT) site. A Civilian On the Battlefield (COB), Sgt. Paul King and Pfc. Manuel Romero, from left below, plan their next move during MOUT training. The unit is comprised of Soldiers holding various Military Occupational Specialties, including infantry, military police, mechanics and supply.



**ROAD TO
OIF/OEF**

photos by Ryan Morton



Announcements



Movie Schedule

at the McGuire AFB Theatre
Movie Hotline 754-5139

Friday, June 8 @ 7:30 p.m.

Disturbia - Shia LaBeouf, David Morse, Sarah Roemer, Carrie-Anne Moss, Aaron Yoo - Ever since his father passed away, young Kale (Shia LaBeouf) has become increasingly sullen and withdrawn, until he finds himself under house arrest. With cabin fever setting in, he turns his attention to spying on his neighbors, becoming increasingly suspicious that one of them is a serial killer. However, he wonders if he is right, or if his overactive imagination is getting the better of him.

MPAA Rating: PG-13 sequences of terror and violence, and some sensuality

Run time: 104 minutes

Saturday, June 9 @ 7:30 p.m.

The Invisible - Justin Chatwin, Margarita Levieva, Marcia Gay Harden, Christopher Marquette, Alex O'Loughlin - Nick (Justin Chatwin) is a writer with a bright future who is brutally attacked and left for dead. He finds himself suspended between the worlds of the living and the dead--invisible to the living. In limbo, his only chance to live again is to find out what happened to him and why, before his time runs out.

MPAA Rating: PG-13 for violence, criminality, sensuality and language--all involving teens

Run time: 97 minutes

Future Features...

Disturbia
Friday, June 8 @ 7:30 p.m.
PG-13, 104 minutes.

The Invisible
Saturday, June 9 @ 7:30 p.m.
PG-13, 97 minutes.

Main Chapel

562-2020

Sunday Services

Protestant at 9 a.m.
Catholic Mass at 10:15 a.m. **Gospel** at 11:30 a.m.
Catholic CCD is held at 9:15 a.m.

Effective 7 June Catholic Mass will be celebrated in the Main Chapel at 1230 every Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday through Thursday, 9 Aug. 2007

Protestant-Gospel Sunday School at 10:00 a.m.

Religious Services

Islamic Prayer room
open 7 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday - Room 24

Adult Bible Study
Wednesdays at noon and 7 p.m.

Catholic Adult Bible Study - Sundays, 11:30 a.m.

Christian Women of the Chapel hold a **Bible Study** - Tuesdays, 9:30 a.m. to noon

Christian Men of the Chapel hold a **Prayer Breakfast** - Fourth Saturday of each month, 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.

Youth of the Chapel
Every second and fourth Tuesday - 7:00 p.m. to 9 p.m.

Jewish Services
Contact the Chapel for dates and time

Vacation Bible School

June 25 - 29
9:00 a.m. to noon
Ages 4 to 12

Registration forms available at the chapel or by calling 562-2020

Volunteers are needed
for
Fort Dix Special Observances

Committees
Martin Luther King Jr. Birthday
Black History Month
Women's History Month
Holocaust Remembrance Day
Asian Pacific Heritage Month
Women's Equality Day
Hispanic Heritage Month
Native American Heritage Month

For more information call
Denise Horton at 562-4011

Army Community Service

Bldg. 5201, 562-2767

June 12
EFMP Support/Focus Group
10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.
Army Community Services

Hearts Apart
10 a.m. to 1 p.m.
Army Community Services

New Beginnings, Life After Divorce
6 p.m. to 10 p.m.
Fort Dix Child Development Center

June 14
EFMP Kidz Plus Swimming
5:30 p.m. to 6:45 p.m.
Indoor Pool

Youth Center

Bldg. 1279 Locust Street
562-5061

Hours of Operation:
Tuesday - Friday 2 to 7 p.m.
Saturday 1 to 7 p.m.
Sunday & Monday CLOSED

Administrative Hours:
Tuesday - Friday noon to 6 p.m.

May Schedule

Mondays - Fridays
Power Hour
2 - 4:30 p.m.

Computer Lab
4:30 - 6 p.m.

Tuesdays
SMART Start
3:45 - 4:45 p.m.

Wednesdays
Sports and Fitness
3:35 - 4:45 p.m.

Thursdays
Tech Club
3:45 - 4:45 p.m.

Fridays
Arts and Crafts
3:45 - 4:45 p.m.

Note: The Teen Center is open Fridays and Saturdays from 7 to 11 p.m. except during the Youth Center's Midnight Basketball nights.

McGuire AFB Family Advocacy Program

754-9680

May Schedule

Parents Anonymous Support Group
Tuesdays
Falcon Courts Chapel
11 a.m. - 1 p.m.

The More the Merrier: Playgroup for Multiples
first Friday of the month
PAX terminal

Anger Management
first three Fridays of the month
Health and Wellness Center
1 - 3 p.m.

For information and registration call 754-9680

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Post Shuttle Bus
562-5888
Monday to Sunday -- 7 a.m. to 10 p.m.
During the day Starr Tour buses are used.
In evening the military Bluebird buses are run.

Dix Shoppette/Class Six/
Gas Station
723-0044
Bldg. 5359, Texas Ave.
Monday to Friday - 6 a.m. to 10 p.m.
Weekends - 7 a.m. to 10 p.m.

BX/PX & Mall
723-6100
Monday to Thursday - 10 a.m. to 8 p.m.
Friday and Saturday - 8:30 a.m. to 8 p.m.
Sunday - 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Commissary
754-4154
Monday to Friday - 7 a.m. (early bird) to 8 p.m.
Saturday - 9 a.m. to 8 p.m.
Sunday - 10 a.m. to 7 p.m.

Military Clothing/Sales
Store-Alterations
723-2307

Bldg. 5601, Texas Ave.
Monday to Saturday 10 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.
Sunday - Closed.

Firestone
723-0464
Bldg. 4201 on Texas Ave.
Monday through Friday - 7 a.m. to 7 p.m.
Saturday - 7 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Recreation Center
562-4956
Bldg. 5905 on Doughboy Loop.
Monday through Friday - 1 to 10 p.m.
Saturday and Sunday - noon to 11 p.m.

AT&T Cyber Zone offers computer access for a fee
Fort Dix Post Office
723-1541

6038 West 9th St.
Monday to Friday -- 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.
Saturday -- 9:00 a.m. to noon

Lobby hours
Monday to Friday 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Burger King
723-8937
Bldg. 5399, Texas Ave.
Monday to Saturday 6 a.m. to 8 p.m.
Sunday 7 a.m. to 8 p.m.
McGuire Gas Station
723-4705

East Arnold Avenue by th 24-hour gate
Monday to Friday -- 6:30 a.m. to 7 p.m.
Saturday -- 9 a.m. to 7 p.m.
Sunday -- 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.
Spouses' Club Thrift Shop
723-2683
Tuesday and Thursdays - 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.
First Wednesday of each month - 4 to 8 p.m.
First and 3rd Saturday of each month - 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Dining Facilities
Bldgs. 5640 and 5986
Breakfast a.m. Mon - Sun 6:00 to 7:30
Lunch 1:00p.m. Mon - Sun 11:30 a.m.to 1:00p.m.
Dinner p.m. Mon - Sun 4:30 to 6:00

Outdoor Recreation
562-6667
Bldg. 6045 Doughboy Loop
Equipment for rent includes skis, snowboards, canoes, flat bottom boats, canopies of various sizes, tents, tables, chairs and more.
Monday to Friday 10 a.m. - 5 p.m.
Saturday 4 p.m.

Java Cafe and Computer Lab @Club Dix
723-3272
Monday - Friday - 7 a.m. to 10:00 p.m.
Saturday-Sunday -Closed.

McGuire Shoppette
723-4705
East Arnold Avenue by the 24-hour gate
Monday to Thursday -- 6:30 a.m. to 9 p.m.

Friday -- 6:30 a.m. to 7 p.m.
Saturday -- 9 a.m. to 10 p.m.
Sunday -- 9 a.m. to 7 p.m.

Club Dix
723-3272
Dix Cafe
Tuesday to Friday 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Revolutions Lounge
Opens 4:30 p.m. Tuesday to Sunday

24-hour Hotlines

Sexual Assault.....562-3849
Victim Advocacy.....694-8724
Child/Spouse Abuse.....562-6001
Emergencies.....911

Or, visit the Fort Dix Department of Defense Police Department in Bldg. 6049 on 8th Street.

Family Advocacy
562-5200
Chaplain
562-2020

American Red Cross
562-2258

Army Emergency Relief
562-2767

Picture-perfect doings at Dix

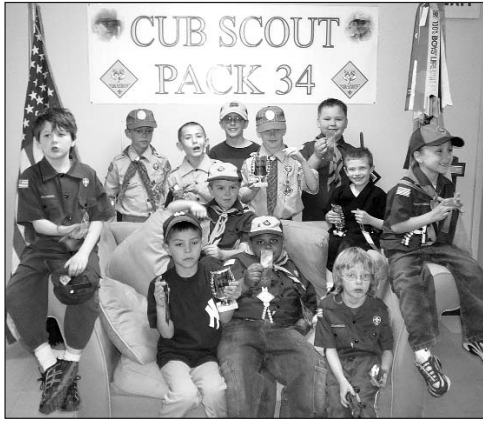


Wayne Cook

This year's recipients of the Spouses' Club scholarships are Tamika Thompson, above left, and Kristen Antolovich, above right. Receiving the Civilian Employee Scholarship is Susan Crawford, above at far right. Surrounding the awardees are family and community members. The presentation ceremony was held May 16 at Club Dix during the Spouses' Club's Annual Scholarship and Community Grant luncheon.



Miss Kerner's fourth-grade class at the Fort Dix Elementary School has written letters and sent cards and gifts to veterans at the residents' home at the VA Hospital in Philadelphia. To recognize the veteran's efforts, the class went to visit them this past week in honor of Memorial Day. The students played games and talked with the veterans about their involvement in U.S. history.



courtesy photo

Fort Dix Cub Scout Pack 34 held its annual Pinewood Derby, with Jacob Matheny, Johnathan Thompson and Tristan Wagner as the top three finishers. The other boys all got honorable mention in different categories such as Fastest Looking Car, Cubbiest Car and Best Use of Advertising. The pack is looking for volunteers for next year, from leaders to committee members. If you are willing to spend at least one day a week with these boys and help them out, call Kristy Davis at 353-1132 or send e-mail to KristyDavis@comcast.net. The pack is also accepting applications for boys who will be in the first grade next year. Cub Scouts runs from grades 1 to 5.

The Fort Dix Elementary School's fourth-grade students walked away with first place in the Burlington County Annual Battle of the Books competition. Representing the Fort Dix Elementary School are, from left at right, Devon Bristow, Nikolai Covacci, Mrs. Rosnick, Emily Hood, Allison Dukavas and Ivy Williams. Not pictured is fellow participant Wesley Wohlman.

photos by Wayne Cook



Safety key to summer fun at amusement parks

Deraurah Wilson
Family Advocacy Program

Summer is a favorite time for families to plan outings to amusement and theme parks. These can be special times for children to meet their favorite cartoon character or to enjoy an action-filled adventure with family or friends.

These outings can also be sources of stress and concern. Although the sights and sounds of the park attractions are exciting, they can also be distracting for children and adults alike. Therefore it is important to take the time to plan for child safety a part of your trip itinerary.

The National Center for Missing and Exploited Children offers the following guidelines to keep children safe at amusement or theme parks.

Before going to the park, tell your children:

- They should not be alone in the park or become isolated with anyone, even characters in costume. Also tell them not to accept any prizes, offers, or gifts from anyone until they have checked first with you. Children should also be cautioned not to engage in conversation with or offer assistance to anyone until they have checked with you first.

- To tell you if anyone approached them or makes them feel scared, uncomfortable, or confused. Tell children if they are approached by anyone who tries to take them away to yell, "This person is not my father/mother!"

- If you become separated while in the park to go to the closest Help/Information Center to ask the people to "find my

parents and bring them to me here at this Center." Make sure your children understand they should never search for you on their own or look for you outside the park, especially in the parking lot.

- These rules also apply when they are taking part in a field trip through their school or youth group.

As a parent you should....

- Get information about the park prior to your trip, and review the park guidelines, particularly those regarding lost children. Discuss the information as a family, including what to do in certain situations, and practice appropriate actions and responses with your children.

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- Get a map of the park immediately upon arriving, identify the Help/Information Center and reinforce the idea that this is where children go if they become separated in the park.

- Not allow children to wear clothing or carry items on which their names are displayed.

- Make sure children carry some form of identification and emergency contact information

with them.

- Have your children wear brightly colored clothing so they may be more readily spotted in the park.

- Accompany young children on rides at the park. Older children/teens should stay in groups and take a friend wherever they go in the park.

- Always accompany younger children to restrooms in the park. Older children should not go to the restroom alone.

- Immediately report any suspicious or inappropriate behavior to authorities. Immediately report your children as being missing if you become separated in the park, and be prepared to give an accurate and detailed description of your child. You should carry a current photograph.

- Make certain there is going to be qualified supervision by responsible adults, if you are considering granting permission to your children to take part in a field trip to an amusement or theme park.

The Family Advocacy Program located at 520 Maryland Avenue is here to assist you to ensure the safety and well-being of your children and teens. For additional information, call Deraurah Wilson, Family Advocacy Program educator, at 562-4830.

NCO Call
at Club Dix
Wednesday evenings
at 6 p.m.

WDIX Channel 2
24/7 information

Training HQ gets new CO

1st Lt. Antonia Greene
deputy public affairs officer
72nd Field Artillery Brigade

Headquarters battery of the 72nd Field Artillery Training Support Brigade welcomed Capt. Terry Kirkwood during a change-of-command ceremony May 31 at Sharp Field.

Kirkwood replaced Maj. John Ottey, who has commanded the 72nd HHB since May 2006.

The 72nd HHB consisted of fewer than 60 Soldiers a year ago, and has climbed to more than 190 Soldiers through recruitment of Army Reserve and National Guard troops, and the assignment of active-component and Operation Warrior trainers assigned to HHB.

The 72nd has experienced several major changes during the course of this past year, such as the arrival of a new brigade commander, Col. Mike Miklos, in June 2006, the change of patch and reporting procedures as the 72nd re-organized under First Army in December 2006, and the re-flagging of the Brigade, formerly 5th Brigade, 78th division, now 72nd Brigade, First Army East, in January 2007.

Kirkwood certainly has his work cut out for him as the 72nd prepares for an estimated 5,000 mobilizing Soldiers to pass through the training station at Fort Dix this summer.

"The 72nd continues to press forward with its mobi-



HAND-OFF — Capt. Terry Kirkwood, incoming commander, HHB, 72nd Field Artillery Brigade, above left, hands the guidon to 1st Sgt. Garrett McAdoo during a change-of-command ceremony held May 31 on Sharp Field. Kirkwood takes over for Maj. John Ottey, below left.



lization mission, and with the welcomed addition of Capt. Kirkwood, we are certainly prepared for the road ahead," said Miklos.

There is no doubt that he is almost every aspect of the Army

Honoring the Colors

Reveille
6 a.m. (0600 hours)

Military personnel in uniform

Stand at attention, face the flag and salute at first note.

Military personnel not in uniform, civilians

Stand at attention, face the flag and place right hand over heart at first note.

Military personnel in formation or in a group

Senior Soldier calls group to "Attention," then "Present, Arms" at first note. Calls "Order, Arms" at conclusion.

Individual military personnel, civilians in a vehicle

Stop vehicle and exit. Follow steps above.

Group of military personnel in a vehicle

Stop vehicle. Individual in charge exits and follows steps above.

Retreat
5 p.m. (1700 hours)

Stand at attention, face the flag for Retreat, then salute at first note of *To the Colors*.

Stand at attention, face the flag for Retreat, then place right hand over heart at first note of *To the Colors*.

Senior Soldier calls group to "Attention," then "Parade, Rest" at first note of Retreat. Calls group to "Attention" and "Present, Arms" at first note of *To the Colors*, then "Order, Arms" at conclusion.

Stop vehicle and exit. Follow steps above.

Stop vehicle. Individual in charge exits and follows steps above.

Other bugle calls heard on post are:

Tattoo.....9 p.m. (2100 hours)
Call to Quarters.....9:30 p.m. (2130 hours)
Taps.....10 p.m. (2200 hours)

Softball rivalry continues for CYS

Ed Mingin
Public Affairs Staff

It started last year when Child and Youth Services (CYS) challenged the Recreation Division to a softball game. Everyone involved had such a good time that the event is turning into a yearly tradition.

The two teams met again last Wednesday for another round of fun competition. "We work with so many people that we don't really deal with too much in our everyday course of work. Or we talk on the phone but not in person. This gave us the chance to meet some of these people and know who we were talking to," said Floyd Winter, director of sports, fitness, and aquatics, after

the first meeting between the two departments.

"Stephen and Tony [Nguyen, who was sports coordinator at the time] set it up last year. Steve came to me a couple months ago and asked if we wanted to do it again," said Chris O'Donnell, Fort Dix sports coordinator.

Just as in last year's game, little attention was paid to the score, which happened to be 8-8. The casual observer may not have noticed that some players (Jacob Carver from CYS) played for both teams during the game. What was evident was that everyone was having a great time.

Part of what made for such a good time were the rules. Most of the rules are the same as regular softball, but to keep things interesting, male batters have to hit opposite-handed, with right handed batters having to cross the plate to hit left-handed. That alone is entertaining, now add a mushball instead of a softball and things get interesting.

"It's a lot harder than it looks," said O'Donnell about trying to hit as a lefty. "It's not easy but it's a

lot of fun. It's a great way to bring different organizations together and meet new people."

"Hopefully this will be an annual thing," said Stephen Wilkes, assistant director of Youth Sports. "We're thinking of doing it with other sports too, maybe basketball later this summer."

Wilkes is encouraging other organizations on post to participate and said CYS will play anyone willing to challenge them.

"Just call me at Youth Sports and we'll set something up," said Wilkes.

At the conclusion of the game, the fun was far from over. The two teams stayed at the field and enjoyed a barbecue.

"It was a lot of fun," said Wilkes. "We had to reschedule it a couple of times because of weather, but it turned out great."

Any one wanting to challenge Youth Sports to a game of softball and possibly a barbecue, or set up their own game with another post organization should call Stephen Wilkes at 562-2819.



TAKE ME OUT TO THE BALL GAME -- Bragging rights were up for grabs when CYS played against Adult Recreation in a game of mushball. The competition was tough and the two teams fought until the last inning, when the game ended tied at 8-8. Brenda Warner helped CYS get on the board with a solid hit early in the game, far left. Christy Gregg reached home plate with some fleet-footed base running, left center. Chris O'Donnell, left, had a few hits to help Adult Rec. Stephen Wilkes, who organized the event, makes a play at first. Tonya Carter, below, also reached home, using her blazing speed to round the bases, below. JP Waller tries to duck beneath the tag of Jacob Carver, but was called out before reaching the base, bottom left. After the game, the fun continued with a barbecue.

photos by Ed Mingin



Sports Shorts

Griffith Field House

Saturday & Sunday
9 a.m. to 5 p.m.
Monday - Friday
6 a.m. to 9 p.m.

The Griffith Field House will be open 6 a.m. - 1 p.m. June 26 because of Team Dix Day.

Golf Classic Scramble

The American Society of Military Comptrollers is presenting the Jersey Devil Chapter Annual Scholarship Fund Golf Classic Scramble.

The event will be Monday, July 9 at the McGuire Golf Course.

Cost for the event is \$60 and includes green fees, cart, prizes, lunch and drinks. Money is due by July 3. Call 732-427-3835 for

more information.

Youth Sports registration

It's time to get ready for some football! Youth Sports will be holding football and cheerleading registration May 1 - July 27.

An annual registration fee of \$18 is required, along with a fee of \$80 for football or \$50 for cheerleading.

Participants must be registered with Child Youth Services. Call 562-4702 or 562-5231 for more information.

Local speedway offers discount

Once again New Egypt Speedway is offering a discount off the price of an adult admission ticket to all active duty military person-

nel and their spouses, with proper ID.

For more info call (609) 758-1900 or visit the track's website at www.newegypt-speedway.net.

Canoe & Kayak Trips

Get outside and enjoy the spring weather with a canoe trip with Outdoor Rec.

June 9
Canoe/Kayak
Cost: \$25
June 10
Canoe/Kayak
Cost: \$25
July 14-15
Canoe/Kayak & camp trip.

Cost: \$45
Sept. 15
Canoe/Kayak
Cost: \$25

For more information about Canoe & Kayak trips, call Outdoor Recreation at 562-2727.



Wildcats champions

The Wildcats continued their winning ways, beating Navy to become volleyball champions of Fort Dix. Navy had beaten the Wildcats earlier in the double-loss competition, but the Wildcats fought their way back to grab the title.

Fire Cracker 5K Fun Run

DATE: THURSDAY, JUNE 28, 2007

TIME: 1200

FEE: \$7.00

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For more information, Contact 1LT Blachowski at (609) 562-0144

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